



Queen of Hearts, Balmy Beach



Abigail Milliner – General Manager

Abigail started at Queen of Hearts in September 2020. Her background in childcare began in 2017 after completing her Degree in Youth and Children Studies at Wilfred Laurier. Since 2017 she completed her ECE diploma and gained employment experience in both preschool and toddler classrooms. In January 2021 she became Nursery Manager of Queen of Hearts, Balmy Beach being responsible for Customer Service and the Queen of Hearts Curriculum, Policies and Procedures. She has now taken extra responsibility of looking after the reservation needs of families

A message from Ms Abigail

I am lucky enough to have joined the Queen of Hearts team in September 2020. Although I am still relatively new, I absolutely love the nursery school. My enjoyment from this job comes from being able to interact with the children and watching them grow and develop. This creates a passion to do more for each child and shows it is the right choice for me to be working in this field.



Heather Funston – Nursery Manager and Lead Teacher

Joining Queen of Hearts in February 2021, Heather has brought lots of child care experience to our Nursery School. Moving to the area from Cambridge with her partner and young daughter she has made her home in our beautiful county. Graduating from Conestoga College and a registered RECE, her enthusiasm and warmth is enjoyed by the White Rabbits and Mad Hatters. Heather is expanding her duties to take on the management of the Nursery School and is looking forward to getting to know families more.

Heather will be taking maternity leave from September 2022 to September 2023 and her role will be taken by Abigail whilst she is away.

A message from Ms Heather

Working with children feels like a vocation that was just meant to be. I have enjoyed moving into a more structured and calm environment at Queen of Hearts and thrilled to see the children grow in confidence and ability with each day.



Kim Hawthorne – French Specialist and Lead Teacher

Kim started with Queen of Hearts in April, 2021. She is currently completing the Early Childhood Education program online through St. Lawrence College in Kingston. Kim completed two years of the Concurrent Education Program through Nipissing University including French language courses. Kim is a graduate of the Ontario French Immersion program, completing placements in French Immersion classrooms at a French language childcare center. She has over twenty years' experience working with children

A Message from Ms. Kim

I absolutely love watching the children grow and succeed. It is such a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a teacher alongside them. I am really looking forward to expanding the French language curriculum at Queen of Hearts. I look forward to sharing my knowledge, creativity, imagination and passion for education with the children and their families.

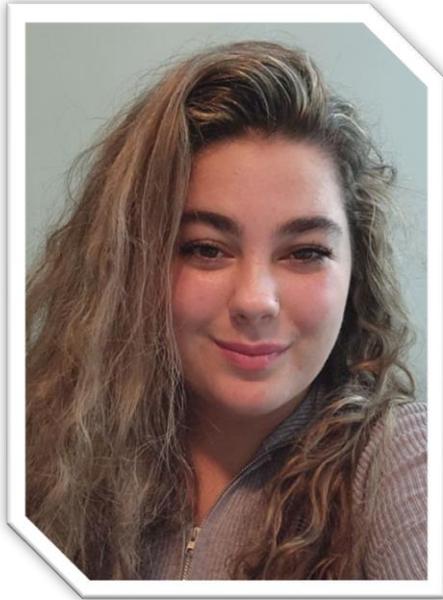


Jennifer Ferreira –Teacher Mad Hatters

Prior to working at Queen of Hearts Jennifer was employed at a Veterinary Clinic as well as helping many families and friends with the care of their children. Jennifer also looked after children for a local church group. She joined Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound in September and trained in all classrooms. Jennifer has now moved to Queen of Hearts, Balmy Beach and now spends her time with the Mad Hatter.

A message from Ms Jennifer

I simply love working with the amazing team and helping to expand the minds of the young children. Being part of their everyday learning and development is so rewarding.



Brooklyn Rouse –Teacher Mad Hatters

Brooklyn joined Queen of Hearts in September of 2022. A local of Owen Sound, she went to Georgian College for ECE and will soon complete her certificate. Already having a background in child care, Brooklyn joined Queen of Hearts to continue her pursuit of finding ways to bring music and learning into all parts of children's lives. She is excited to make connections with all of the children and to help them learn and grow.

A message from Ms Brooklyn

I am beyond excited to start my work here and get to know all of the children I will be working with. Every child is an individual and I strive to make each one of them happy and safe.



Raven Adams – Teacher White Rabbits

Raven joined Queen of Hearts in February 2022 after taking a year off work with her new daughter. Having always wanted to have a career in Childcare she signed up for the Queen of Hearts ECE apprenticeship with Georgian College and started working in our White Rabbit classroom. Raven grew up in Sauble Beach and even now spends a lot of time there with her family enjoying outside time.

A message from Ms Raven

I am very excited to be part of Queen of Hearts and to start my apprenticeship. I have enjoyed watching the children grow in confidence as they are exposed to new learning and find you cannot help but love these little ones that have such an enthusiasm for learning.



Autumn Moser –Teacher White Rabbits

Autumn joined Queen of Hearts in October of 2022. Born and raised in Owen Sound, she did a child development practitioners apprenticeship at Georgian College. Coming from a family of educators, Autumn wanted to follow in their footsteps and make a positive impact on children's education. Autumn enjoys combining her love of nature as she pursues her hobbies of photography and art, and loves to spend her time with family and friends.

A message from Ms Autumn

I am beyond excited to meet each and every one of the Queen of Hearts children and their families and work closely with the team, providing excellent customer service. I look forward to interacting with the children and learning more about the curriculum as I start my new journey with the Queen of Hearts family.



Kelly Scott – Assistant Teacher White Rabbits

Kelly joined the Queen of Hearts team in June 2022. Originally working in a factory setting for over 20 years, Kelly has always enjoyed spending time with children and enjoyed seeing them interact and learn new things, and see how each child develops differently. Deciding that she needed a change in her career that better matched with her interest in child development, Kelly applied to Queen of Hearts and joined the team in the White Rabbits classroom at Balmy Beach. Outside of the school, Kelly pursues her enjoyment of gardening, family, books, and her dog.

A message from Ms Kelly

Even though I have only been a part of Queen of Hearts for a short time. I have enjoyed being a part of the children's growth and development and being part of the Queen of Hearts team. I look forward to learning so much more and I like how every day can be so different and not always the same.



Grace Holyome – Supply Teacher and QYC

Grace started with Queen of Hearts in 2018. She graduated as an ECE from Fanshawe College. Her time is split during the week days working in each of the Nursery Schools and at the QYC Before and After School program

A message from Ms Grace

There is so much I enjoy about Queen of Hearts. It is a wonderful place to work. My colleagues are amazing and the children and families are the best. I am really lucky to be a part of this school.



Alesha Doran – Teacher – Supply for Balmy Beach

Alesha studied at Trent University and achieved a BA in Women's Studies before moving back to Owen Sound and joining the Salvation Army where she completed her ECE before moving to join the Queen of Hearts team in April 2015. With her wealth of experience and being a much loved teacher, Alesha leads a White Rabbit Classroom in Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound North but also supports the Balmy Beach and Owen Sound team when needed.

A message from Ms Alesha

Working at Queen of Hearts I learn something new from the children every day and I love to watch them grow and develop throughout their time with us. I particularly enjoy our outside learning and how it's incorporated into the children's day.